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Customer No. 38263

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: BERTOLINI *et al.*

Group Art Unit: 1624

Application No.: 10/550,718

Examiner: V. Balasubramanian

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**RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Charlotte, North Carolina  
December 8, 2008

Dear Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action dated September 16, 2008, in the above-referenced application kindly consider the following remarks.

**A Listing of Claims** is provided on Page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on Page 5 of this paper